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Inventor(s) Breidenbach, et. al.

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Application No.: 10/046,347

Examiner: Pillai, Namitha

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Group Art Unit: 2173

Title: System And Method For Improving The Performance Of A Plurality Of Peripheral Devices

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) 37 CFR 1.114

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.  
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

*NOTE: 37 CFR 1.114 is effective on May 20, 2000. If the above- application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under CFR 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.*

Submission under 37 CFR 1.114

- ( ) Previously submitted:  
( ) Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).  
( ) Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.  
( ) Other \_\_\_\_\_.
- (X) Enclosed:  
(X) Amendment/Reply  
( ) Affidavit(s)/Declarations(s)  
( ) Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)  
( ) Other \_\_\_\_\_.

Miscellaneous

- ( ) Suspension of action is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months.  
The fee for this Suspension is (37 CFR 1.17(i)) \$130.00  
( ) Other \_\_\_\_\_.

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(RCE) (37 CFR 1.114) (continued)

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RCE filing fee \$790.00

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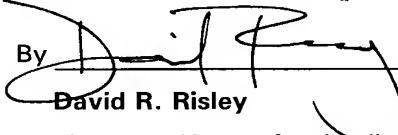
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For: **System And Method For Improving The Performance Of A Plurality Of Peripheral Devices**

**RESPONSE ACCOMPANYING  
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

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Sir:

The Office Action mailed May 20, 2005 has been carefully considered. In response thereto, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

**AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT ACCOUNT**

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to deposit account no. 08-2025.